

Public Law 99-480
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Joint Resolution

To designate the school year of September 1986 through May 1987 as "National Year of the Teacher" and January 28, 1987, as "National Teacher Appreciation Day".

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[H.J. Res. 635]

Whereas the education of our Nation's youth is the foundation of America's strength in the future;

Whereas teachers are entrusted not only with imparting knowledge, but also with instilling our youth with basic human values during the most formative and impressionable years of their lives;

Whereas teachers play an integral role in the development of civil responsibility among our Nation's youth;

Whereas teachers deserve the respect of their students and the entire community for their selfless dedication, wisdom, sacrifice, community service, and many other intangible contributions to society;

Whereas teachers deserve credit for the continuing education and training of many citizens through a variety of traditional and non-traditional educational programs;

Whereas the dedication of teachers should be celebrated often to heighten public awareness and help maintain respect and discipline in our classrooms; and

Whereas Sharon Christa McAuliffe made a unique contribution to the teaching profession, and January 28, 1987, is an appropriate day on which, and the school year of 1986-1987 is an appropriate period during which, to commemorate Sharon Christa McAuliffe and all other teachers: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the school year of September 1986 through May 1987 is designated "National Year of the Teacher", and January 28, 1987, is designated "National Teacher Appreciation Day". The President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such year and day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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